



SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	Carmustine	
Other means of identification		
Catalog number	1096724	
CAS number	154-93-8	
Synonyms	BCNU	
Chemical name	1,3-bis (2-chloroethyl)-1-nitrosourea	
Recommended use	For analytical laboratory use only.	
Recommended restrictions	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.	
Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information		
Manufacturer		
Company name	U. S. Pharmacopeia	
Address	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 United States	
Telephone	Customer Service	301-881-0666
Website	www.usp.org	
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org	
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300
	CHEMTREC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.	
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, oral	Category 2
	Germ cell mutagenicity	Category 1B
	Carcinogenicity	Category 1
	Reproductive toxicity	Category 1
	Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure	Category 1 (bone marrow)
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	

Label elements



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	Fatal if swallowed. May cause genetic defects. May cause cancer. May damage fertility or the unborn child. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Response	If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center/doctor. Rinse mouth. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
Storage	Store locked up.

Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	Potent pharmacologically active material.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Carmustine	BCNU	154-93-8	100

*Designates that a specific chemical identity and/or percentage of composition has been withheld as a trade secret.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Rinse mouth. Do not induce vomiting without advice from poison control center. If vomiting occurs, keep head low so that stomach content doesn't get into the lungs. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if substance is ingested. Induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.

Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed Bone marrow suppression. Potent pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure to small amounts may cause physiological effects.

Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Treatment for nitrosourea overdose may include the following: Administer activated charcoal as a slurry. Monitor hematologic parameters, renal function, and liver enzymes for 4 to 6 weeks following exposure. For inhalation exposure, monitor for respiratory distress. If needed, administer oxygen, assist ventilation, and treat bronchospasm with inhaled beta2 agonist and oral or parenteral corticosteroids.

General information Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Water. Foam. Dry chemical or CO2. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	None known.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear suitable protective equipment.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Use water spray to cool unopened containers. As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
General fire hazards	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.
Environmental precautions	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	As a general rule, when handling USP materials, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly. Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store in tight container. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits	No exposure limits noted for ingredient(s).
Biological limit values	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
Appropriate engineering controls	No open handling. For laboratory operations, use approved ventilation or containment system (biological safety cabinet, ventilated balance enclosure, glovebox). Control exposures to below the occupational exposure level (if available). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of exposure potential. Cover all containers for solutions and slurries while being transferred.
Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment	
Eye/face protection	Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face. An emergency eye wash station should be available.
Skin protection	
Hand protection	Consider double gloves. Wear nitrile or other impervious gloves if skin contact is possible. When the material is dissolved or suspended in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent.
Other	Train employees in proper gowning and degowning practices. Wear disposable lab coat, disposable sleeve covers and two pair of gloves as appropriate for the task. Base the choice of skin protection on the job activity, potential for skin contact and solvents and reagents in use. Do not wear protective garments in common areas (e.g., cafeterias) or out-of-doors.
Respiratory protection	Use a powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR) with HEPA filters, disposable outerware and head cover for spill cleanup. Choose respiratory protection appropriate to the task and the level of existing engineering controls.
Thermal hazards	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
General hygiene considerations	Pharmacological effects may be seen with occupational exposure. Handling practices in this SDS are recommendations for laboratory use of USP materials.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.
Physical state	Solid.
Form	Powder.
Color	Light yellow.
Odor	Not available.
Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	Not available.
Melting point/freezing point	> 86 - < 89.6 °F (> 30 - < 32 °C) (decomposes)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not available.
Flash point	Not available.
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not available.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	0.00004 kPa (77 °F (25 °C))
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.

Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Slightly soluble.
Solubility (other)	Dichloromethane: Very soluble. Ethanol: Soluble. Lipids: Very soluble.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	1.53
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Chemical family	Nitrosourea.
Molecular formula	C5H9Cl2N3O2
Molecular weight	214.05

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	Cl-. NOx. Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Skin contact	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Eye contact	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Ingestion	Fatal if swallowed. Based on information from therapeutic use, this material may cause: Bone marrow suppression.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics	Alkylating antineoplastics: Gastrointestinal disturbances. Hair loss. Central nervous system depression. Loss of appetite. Mouth sores.
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Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	Fatal if swallowed.
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Product	Species	Test Results
Carmustine (CAS 154-93-8)		
Oral		
LD50	Mouse	19 mg/kg
	Rat	20 mg/kg
Skin corrosion/irritation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Respiratory or skin sensitization		
Respiratory sensitization	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Skin sensitization	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.	
Germ cell mutagenicity	May cause genetic defects. Alkylating antineoplastic agents have been shown to increase genotoxic effects in both occupational and therapeutic exposures.	

Mutagenicity

Dominant lethal test

Result: Positive.

Species: Mouse

Mutagenicity, Bacteria DNA damage

Result: Positive.

Mutagenicity, DNA damage in humans

Result: Positive.

Carcinogenicity

May cause cancer.

Secondary malignancies are potential delayed effects of alkylating antineoplastic agents. Risk seems to increase with long-term use. There is no clear indication whether the effect is related to their mutagenic potential or immunosuppressive action.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Carmustine (CAS 154-93-8)

2A Probably carcinogenic to humans.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

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Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen.

Reproductive toxicity

May damage fertility or the unborn child.

Alkylating antineoplastic agents have been associated with severe birth defects when administered to mothers during pregnancy. Adverse fertility effects have been observed during therapy treatment in males and females. The effects appear to be dose related and length of therapy and may be irreversible.

Reproductivity

1 - 4 mg/kg Reproductivity study

Result: Highly teratogenic.

Species: Rat

10 mg/kg Reproductivity study

Result: Offspring died within 4 months.

Species: Rat

4 - 8 mg/kg Reproductivity study

Result: Decline in male fertility.

Species: Rat

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Aspiration hazard

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Further information

Potent pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure to small amounts may cause physiological effects.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity

The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.

Persistence and degradability

No data is available on the degradability of this substance.

Bioaccumulative potential

Octanol/water partition coefficient log Kow

1.53

Mobility in soil

No data available.

Other adverse effects

No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.

Local disposal regulations

Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Hazardous waste code

The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.

Waste from residues / unused products

Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).

Contaminated packaging

Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information**DOT**

UN number UN2811
UN proper shipping name Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s. (Carmustine)
Transport hazard class(es)
Class 6.1
Subsidiary risk -
Packing group II
Environmental hazards
Marine pollutant No.

IATA

UN number UN2811
UN proper shipping name Toxic, solid, organic, n.o.s. (Carmustine)
Transport hazard class(es)
Class 6.1
Subsidiary risk -
Packing group II
Other information

Passenger and cargo aircraft Allowed with restrictions.

Cargo aircraft only Allowed with restrictions.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

DOT; IATA**General information**

It is the shipper's responsibility to determine the correct transport classification at the time of shipment.

15. Regulatory information**US federal regulations**

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)**TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)**

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)**SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance**

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

Classified hazard categories

Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)
 Germ cell mutagenicity
 Carcinogenicity
 Reproductive toxicity
 Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)
 Not regulated.

Other federal regulations**Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List**

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

Contains component(s) regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

US state regulations**California Proposition 65**

WARNING: This product can expose you to Carmustine, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance

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Listed: July 1, 1987

California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Developmental toxin

Carmustine (CAS 154-93-8)

Listed: July 1, 1990

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AICIS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	No
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	No
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	No

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

Issue date	05-18-2009
Revision date	04-08-2024
Version #	04

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